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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 06/29/2004 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 05/19/2004 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application. Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:
Wieenna Bucay-Couto, Jianmin Li

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Applicants: Kathleen Miller et al.
Application No. 10/789,398
Filed: 02/27/2004
Title: IMPLANTABLE OR INSERTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE RESISTANT TO
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REPLY TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional), date mailed July 29, 2004, stating the reply filed by applicant on 06/29/2004 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (mail date 05/19/2004) is incomplete, Applicant states that this Notice of Incomplete Reply was issued in error and requests withdrawal of the notice and the issuance of an updated filing receipt.

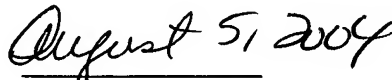
The Notice of Incomplete Reply indicates that the reply was incomplete because the signature of inventors Jianmin Li and Weenna Bucay-Couto are missing from the declaration. However, Applicant points out that 2 (two) separate declarations were filed with the response, one signed by inventor Kathleen Miller, and the second signed by inventors Jianmin Li and Weenna Bucay-Couto. Applicant hereby submits a copy of each declaration originally filed with the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts on 06/29/2004. Thus Applicant submits that the reply filed was complete and respectfully requests that an updated filing receipt be issued.

Since this Notice was issued through error on the part of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, no fees are deemed necessary in connection with this request.

However any fees or deficiencies may be charged to deposit account #50-1047.

Respectfully submitted,

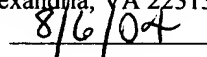
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